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	FOR AN ENVIRONMENTALLY	§		
	HARDENED ETHERNET	§		
	NETWORK SYSTEM	§		
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 21, 2007

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Final Office Action of December 21, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.